

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 1, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman James J. Eardley at 2:00 p.m. on October 1, 2014, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman James J. Eardley, Commissioner Victor Iverson, County Administrator Dean Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Christine S. Hall.

Commissioner Alan Gardner was excused from the meeting, as he is out of town on County Business.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to reverse the order of agenda items. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by Unanimous vote with Commissioners Eardley and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1844, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1830, PROVIDING FOR AN OPINION QUESTION TO BE INCLUDED ON THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER WASHINGTON COUNTY SHOULD IMPOSE A SALES AND USE TAX OF 1/10TH OF 1% TO FUND RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

Chairman Eardley said that the only thing that was changed in the amended resolution was the date of the public hearing, which was changed to today.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to adopt Resolution No. R-2014-1844, A Resolution Amending Resolution No. R-2014-1830, Providing For An Opinion Question To Be Included On The Ballot For The General Election Scheduled To Be Held On November 4, 2014, For The Purpose Of Determining Whether Washington County Should Impose A Sales And Use Tax Of 1/10th Of 1% To Fund Recreational And Cultural Facilities And Cultural Organizations.

**PUBLIC HEARING: TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC WITH RESPECT TO (I) THE LEVYING OF THE RAP TAX AND (II) ANY POTENTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACT THAT THE FACILITIES FINANCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITH THE PROCEEDS OF THE RAP TAX MAY HAVE ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR. ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE.**

Chairman Eardley opened the public hearing and asked for any comments from those in attendance, either pro or con.

Ms. Cimarron Chacon, Chairman of the Community Committee for Recreation, Arts and Parks provided a PowerPoint presentation concerning the economic and cultural value of recreation and the arts in Washington County. A copy of the entire PowerPoint is available upon request from the Washington County Commission Office.

Trevor Coombs, Washington County Internal Auditor, asked about the difference between the RAP Tax as proposed and the Tourism and Restaurant (TRCC) Tax. Chairman Eardley responded that a formula is in place to determine how the monies are directed among the municipalities and the County.

Commissioner Iverson stated that whether the RAP Tax passes or not, it is important that the implementation of the RAP Tax be County wide rather than city wide. The ultimate decision will be left up to the voters.

Commissioner Eardley stated that there will be a second public hearing on this issue, at 6:00 p.m. on October 21, 2014, held in the Commission Chambers of the Administration Building, 197 E. Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. At that time the public is invited to attend and comment further.

Having no one else come forward, Chairman Eardley closed the public hearing.

***Request a Closed Session***

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

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CHRISTINE S. HALL  
DEPUTY CLERK

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JAMES J. EARDLEY  
CHAIRMAN